

HB1033



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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

220 ILCS 5/13-904 new

Amends the Public Utilities Act. Prohibits line item surcharges other than federal, State, or local government mandates on phone bills from wireless telecommunications services. Requires any such charges to be separately identified and accurately assessed to end users. Effectively immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by adding
5 Section 13-904 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/13-904 new)

7 Sec. 13-904. Wireless telecommunications services billing
8 requirements.

9 (a) In this Section:

10 "Rate plan charges" includes all charges assessed by a
11 telecommunications carrier to an end user for the provision of
12 wireless telecommunications services to the end user,
13 including:

14 (1) charges for accessing the carrier's network, or the
15 network of another carrier whose network the end user has
16 accessed, and on behalf of which the billing carrier
17 engages in billing and collection;

18 (2) charges for actual usage; and

19 (3) charges for optional services and features
20 selected by the end user.

21 "Line item" means a discrete charge identified separately
22 on an end user's telephone bill.

23 (b) In this Section, "wireless telecommunications

1 services" has the same meaning ascribed to that term in 47
2 C.F.R. 1.907. With respect to wireless telecommunications
3 services, all telecommunications carriers must provide
4 itemized bills to end users that include only rate plan charges
5 and line items and that clearly describe in plain language the
6 services and products for which charges are imposed.

7 (c) With respect to wireless telecommunications services,
8 no telecommunications carrier shall include any line item on an
9 end user's bill that has not been mandated or expressly
10 authorized by federal, State, or local law, rule, or
11 regulation.

12 (d) Any line item specifying recovery of costs associated
13 with a federal, State, or local government mandate or express
14 federal, State, or local government authorization:

15 (1) must state the specific charge and identify the
16 law, rule, or regulation for which the charge is assessed;

17 (2) must accurately reflect the amount assessed to the
18 telecommunications carrier pursuant to the federal, State,
19 or local government mandate, or through express
20 authorization of federal, State, or local law, rule, or
21 regulation, and, if assessed to the end user, (i) must be
22 assessed in an amount proportionate to the end user's share
23 of the assessment and (ii) must not, when aggregated across
24 all end users, exceed the actual cost of the mandate to the
25 telecommunications carrier;

26 (3) must not be aggregated with other charges; and

1 (4) must not include any other costs not provided for
2 in this Section.

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
4 becoming law.